



St. Irene Church

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16th, 2014

Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday – Saturday 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

Liturgical Events

Mass Intentions

David Isabelle

1st Anniversary Mass

Saturday, February 15 at 5 pm

Roland Isabelle

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 16 at 8 am

Kathleen Blais & Pamela Gleason

Memorial Mass

Monday, February 17 at 9 am

Euclid Lague

Memorial Mass

Tuesday, February 18 at 9 am

Ruth Proctor

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, February 19 at 9 am

Nancy Holland

Memorial Mass

Friday, February 21 at 9 am

Patricia Indresano Boretti

Memorial Mass

Sunday, February 23 at 8 am

The Pastor's Corner

By St. Irene's Parochial Vicar

In his address on September 21, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of something he called "Theological Brainwashing." At the end of his address he said, "Today there is a great temptation in the Church which is a spiritual form of 'abuse'- to manipulate the mind; a sort of theological brainwashing which ultimately brings one to a superficial meeting with Christ but not to an encounter with the Person of Christ Alive!"

The Holy Father's message is for all of us, living in a digital age of televisions, computers, Smartphones, and the Internet, to spend more time blocking out the constant media barrage that overwhelms us every day. The noise and distraction prevent our minds and hearts from being open to God. We need to push away this noise so we can find God, develop a personal relationship with him, and be able to listen to his Word.

In this Sunday's readings, Christ invites us to experience this personal encounter with him - Alive. "You have heard that it was said... But I say to you." He is warning us to never let anyone or anything manipulate our mind. He is inviting us to learn from him and control the desires of our minds and hearts in healthy ways, so

that we can grow to promote what is true and real, good and just, beautiful and worthy of our human dignity. Saint Paul says it this way in his letter to the Romans: "Do not let yourselves be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and perfect (Rm12:2)." This is what Fr. James Alberione, founder of the Pauline family, called "the sanctification of the mind." This process will sanctify our minds and our hearts, allowing us to be aware of what is good and pleasing to God.

— Fr. Romain Rurangirwa

Children's Liturgy

Our next Children's Liturgy will be celebrated on March 2 at the 8:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

Save the Date – Young Adult Mass

The date of our next Young Adult Contemporary Mass is Sunday, March 2 at 5:00 pm. If you would like to sing or play an instrument at this Mass, please join us in the church at 4:00 for a rehearsal. For more information, please e-mail Cypriana at Music@stirenes.org. We look forward to having you join us!

Religious Education

Religious Education News

There will be NO CLASSES on Sunday, Feb. 16, Monday, Feb. 17 and Sunday, Feb. 23 due to the Winter Vacation. Classes will resume for grades 6-8 on Monday, Feb. 24 and on Sunday, March 2 for grades K-5.

The 8th grade classes will be Hosting both the 8 & 11am Masses on Sunday, March 2.

The Peer Leadership Group will be Hosting the "Mardi Gras" celebration for grades K-5 on March 9.

The 6th, 7th & 8th grades will be having their Mardi Gras Celebration on Monday, March 3. This special 2 hour class will begin with Mass and then followed with a Pizza Party and "Lenten Stations" in the Parish Hall. Please note the SPECIAL START TIME OF 6

PM for Mass. Pick up will be at the usual time of 8 pm.

Confirmation

On Saturday, Feb. 22 the Level I Confirmation Candidates will be serving at Lazarus House.

The New Spirit Retreat will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at 5:00 pm in the parish hall for Level I and II Candidates.

Parish Happenings

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council will meet on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

Women's Club Hors d'oeuvres Night

The Women's Club will hold an hors d'oeuvres tasting evening on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall (weather permitting). Come see our "Culinary Chefs" prepare and serve their special "tidbits" all the while enjoying friendly conversation. As always desserts are appreciated to complete the evening. Please email Jean Morin at womensclub@StIrenes.org for more information.

Save the Date! New Parish Directory

St. Irene Church along with Lifetouch Photography will be creating a new photo directory this spring. Parishioner photos will be taken in the parish hall on:

Friday, April 11th from 2 - 9 pm

Saturday, April 12th from 10 am - 5 pm

Friday, May 9th from 2-9 pm

Saturday, May 10th from 10 am - 5 pm

More information will be provided soon.

Library Registration

Open registration for our Parish Library will be held this weekend. There is a small table at the back of the Church where you may fill out a registration card that will allow you to borrow books. Coming soon will be our display of new books for your Lenten reading. Register now and enjoy the many wonderful books from our Parish Library.

The Way of St. James with Fr. Romain April 25 – May 5

Come and join Fr. Romain Rurangirwa and Kristen Walker on a pilgrimage to The Way of St. James, El Camino, Spain this spring. The trip begins on April 25th and concludes on May 5th. The tour departs from New York and will include visits to Madrid, Foncabado, Iron Cross, O Cebreiro, Sarria, Portomarmin, Palas de Rei, Arzua, Arca do Pino, Monte do Gozo and Santiago de Compostela. For more information, please visit www.pilgrimages.com/pilgrimsplace or call 800-206-8687.

Keep Calm, Join the Choir!

Did you know that singing in a choir is a great way to reduce stress and improve your well-being? If you love to sing or have never sung but are curious to try, come join us on Thursday evenings and check it out! The adult choir meets in the church to rehearse every Thursday from 7:15-8:15 pm. For more information, please contact Cyprina at music@StIrenes.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

Children's Choir Sings Again!

The Spring season of the Children's Choir has started, so please come and join us! The Children's Choir will sing at the monthly Family Masses, on Easter Sunday, and at the First Communion Mass. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:15-7:00. All children in grades K through 6 are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Cyprina at music@StIrenes.org.

Adoration & Benediction

Take a break from the world's demands and rest in the Lord! All are invited every Tuesday at 7:30 pm to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction. First Tuesdays of the month include periods for silent prayer, recitation of the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy and finish at 9:00 pm. All other Tuesdays include the Liturgy of the Hours, silent prayer, the Litany of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude at 8:30 pm. Please contact Mary Ellen Bakken at adoration@StIrenes.org for more information.

Who's Got the Beat?

We are looking into purchasing a "Drum Box" to use at the monthly Contemporary Masses, but we need a drummer to play it! If you are a drummer/percussionist who is interested in joining the music ministry and playing at the Contemporary Masses, please drop me a line at music@StIrenes.org. It's lots of fun to play and would enhance the music, too!

Family Prayer for Vocations Icon

St. Irene's has a beautiful new icon of Christ the High Priest which will go each month to a family wishing to host it to pray for religious vocations as well as discern God's will in their lives. The kit includes the icon, a stand, a votive candle, a booklet of prayers, questions to help your family discern what God may want them to do with their lives, some scripture references, and more. Also included is a prayer card listing the current seminarians, so you can pray for them by name if you wish. Please join us in this beautiful initiative to pray for priestly vocations and to guide and bless us all in our vocation in life. To sign up contact Mary Ellen Bakken at vocations@StIrenes.org.

St. Irene Online

We have recently upgraded St Irene's web site: www.StIrenes.org and also added a Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StIrenes. You are invited to explore both and offer suggestions via e-mail, please contact: feedback@stirenes.org. St. Irene's online calendar can be found on our website at www.stirenes.org/quicklinks/calendar.html.

Offertory Report

The weekly offertory decreased by 12.8% from last year. The total weekly and monthly offertory since May 12, 2013 has increased by 18%. Thank you for your continuing support.

Grand Annual Collection

The Grand Annual Collection amounted to \$104,184.01. If you have not yet contributed you may send your donation in to the rectory. We are most grateful for your continued support to our parish.

Area Events

Tenth Annual Forum on Family Homelessness

With a Record Number of Homeless Families in Motels and a Housing Shortage, What Can We Do?

Sunday, March 2, 2014, 3:00-5:00 pm
Trinitarian Congregational Church
54 Walden St., Concord.

Sponsors: Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness & Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries. Co-sponsors: Episcopal City Mission, Citizens Housing & Planning Association (CHAPA), Mass Coalition for the Homeless, Promise the Children, & UU Mass Action Network

For more information about the Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness, contact Carl Miller, Coordinator, at NormanCMiller@comcast.net or 978-369-3755; visit www.endfamilyhomelessness.net.

World Day of Prayer Invites You

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 11:00 am on Friday, March 7th at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord. This year's worship service "Streams in the Desert" was written by Christian women in Egypt. A light luncheon in the Parish Hall will follow the 11:00 am service.

Donations of sandwiches and desserts toward the light luncheon are invited. Please leave them in the kitchen before the event.

Do You Know a Musical 3rd Grade Boy?

St. Paul's Choir School, Harvard Square is now accepting applications for entry into the 4th grade class.

- Small class sizes
- Rigorous academics
- Unique musical formation
- Highly-qualified faculty
- Excellent high school placement
- Caring Catholic ethos

To Schedule an informal audition, please contact: Mr. John Robinson, Director of Music at 617-868-8658 ext. 319 or email jrobinson@choirschool.net. For more in-

formation about St. Paul's Choir School please visit: www.stpaulchoirschool.com.

Financial Information

Offertory	\$5,651
Offertory YTD	\$37,172
Monthly YTD	\$2,415

The second collection this Sunday is the Monthly Collection.

St. Irene Staff:

Pastor:

Reverend Thomas P. Donohoe

Parochial Vicar:

Reverend Romain Rurangirwa

Resident:

Reverend Augustin Vondou

Permanent Deacons:

Deacon Dean Bulpett
Deacon Charles Ferraro

Music Director:

Cypriana Coelho

Religious Education Coordinator:

Eileen Faber

Confirmation Coordinator:

Frank de Alderete

Religious Education

Grades K-5: Sunday 9:00 – 9:50 am
Sunday 10:00 – 10:50 am

Grades 6-8: Monday 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Youth Ministry

Sunday 6:00 – 8:15 pm

Baptism Catechesis

Last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Please call the rectory to register.

Baptisms

Sundays, 2nd and 4th of each month at 1:00 pm.

Weddings

Contact Pastor 6 months in advance.